Damage by Fire to New East River Structure Not So Great as at First Supposed.

ONLY TWO MONTHS DELAY,

Charles G. Roebling Says His Loss Will Not Exceed \$75,-000 and It Will Not Be Necessary to Take Down Cables.

After a conference with all the engineers, those of the different companies and those representing the Bridge Commission. Charles G. Roebling, representing the John A. Roebling's Sons Company, made this statement this morning

The loss to my company will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000 and will in no

event exceed the latter figure. "There will be a delay of only two months in the completion of the work, "The damage is not so serious as was at first believed.

"It will not be necessary to take down any one of the cables. "It will not be necessary to rebuild

the foot bridge. "We were getting ready to take down the foot bridges and have the travelling

carriages all ready to put on the casing. There will be no delay there." "The wires from which these cable: are made are air-chilled and thoroughly

tested before they leave the shops in Trenton. The saddles upon which the rest in passing over the towers are made of the highest test steel, and from these tests we know it would take two or three days for such a heat as that of last night to in anyway affect the cables or saddles.

"After the investigation we shall probably deolde to cut out short pieces of the outside strands of the cables and splice new pieces in their places."

Martin Differs with Him.

Between . the estimates of damage given by Mr. Roebling and Kingsley L. Martin, engineer of the Bridge Commis-sion, there is considerable difference. Mr. Kingsley, who went to the top of the tower last night, said that the south cable had been Badly damaged and that it might have to be replaced. He said the cable cost \$600,000, and that if it was found necessary to replace that cable the loss to Roeblings would amount to

The four principal engineers in charge of the construction of the new East River Bridge, accompanied by an Evening World reporter, this morning made warped Manhattan tower to the partially ruined cables where they buckle over the top and start in either direction for the river and for their anchor-

Liadenthal to Investigate.

A complete investigation will be made and the engineers will then be able to determine the exact amount of damage done by the spectacular fire. The party included O. F. Nichols, chief engineer of the construction; assistant engineer Holton; oblinson, in charge of take investigation.

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Doctor of Divinity and pastor of the First Congregational Church of Jersey City Heights, he would have understood the true significance of this now hackneyed term.

The jast official report of the work on the bridge constitution of the cables with waterproof canvas was complete for a considerable

and the progress upward was delayed considerably by the stifling vapors and smoke which rose from the smoldering mass of wreckage which was heaped below the thwer. For many blocks around the base of

the tower a cordon of several hundred police was stretched to keep the crowds is believed by the engineers that if one for the burning of the bridge. of the great strands of woven steel, over a foot and a half in diameter, were to break it would tear the tower from its foundation in the recoil. For that reason no one was permitted in

Cable No. 1 Ruined.

Assistant Engineer & would not offer to predict what delay the fire would cause to the completion or the bridge. He was asked if it would be a year, and he replied that it might be, that there would certainly be a considerable delay. When the fire on top of the tower was out Mr. Martin went up and made a superficial investigation. "Cables Nos. 3 and 4, attached to the north tower," he said, "are uninjured. Cable No. 2, the north one on the south tower, is slightly damaged. The upper layer of wires, so far as I could see, are the only ones damaged, and their num-

PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN TO-DAY SHOWING WRECK OF THE NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE AFTER ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE FIRES NEW YORK HAS EVER KNOWN.



the burned parts and splice will not be such a great expense or take a great length of time.

"But cable No. 1, the south cable, is badly damaged, and it may have to be spliced or entirely replaced. These cables cost \$600,000 each and from that a fairly good idea may be had of the damage."

Battalion Chief's Bravery.

The heroism of Battalion Chief Guerin, of the Fire Department, is praised by the engineers. This is what Kingsley L. Martin, engineer in charge of steel construction, said:

'Chief Guerin climbed to the top of the tower while the fire was hotest, and being unable to get a hose there ne kept the re from spreading to the north tower by carrying water in his helmet from barrels and dashing it on the flames. He continued that until there was no further danger of a spread. It was a remarkably brave feat. Several times he came near falling to the ground. When I saw him fighting fire that way then I said to myself. 'He is certainly a hero.'"

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KNOWS WHO CAUSED BIG BRIDGE FIRE.

Foreman George Green, for the Roeblings at the Williamsburg end, made a report to the officers of the company toback. While all danger is not over it day that he knew who was responsible

"I know the name but will not make it public without the sanction of the company," Green said to an Evening World reporter, "This man threw a lighted eigarette stub into a barrel of oil. He had been cautioned about his carelessness. I was present a few days ago when his foreman told him that he Assistant Engineer would not must not smoke while in the oil house

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La Strong as steel. At Yale he was captain of the football team and played baseball.

In spite of his forty-nine years he can run further, punch harder, lob swifter and cover the links with fewer strokes than any one in his congregation.

"If I had not devoted myself to sport," he says, "I would not be altreduced by the says, Religion and health go hand in hand.

"I have 150 boys from the ages of Rev. John L. Scudder, of Jersey

to turn out more than one Terry Mc-Govern and James J. Corbett.

A great deal has been said and written about athletic Christianity, but this innovation at the First Congregational Church of Jersey City is just a bit more radical than anything yet advanced. There are nearly 1,000 members of the church, representing the most cultured citizens on the Heights, and not a few gasped with astonishment at their pas-

tor's daring idea. No Objections Made.

At the same time no one of them dis-

tional church. In these days you must have some attractions to hold such a blg membership as we have. Why, this summer the church purchased three tennis courts and the sport met with such favor that 150 of our young people joined and we closed the season with

hand.

"I have 150 boys from the ages of eight to eighteen in constant training. The basement of my church is a gymnasium. Here the young athletes gather every Tuesday night and have gymnastic drill.

"A visitor might drop in any time, whether I am there or not, and he would never hear a word of vulgarity or blasphemy. My course is fully justified."

America."
The pastor is himself an expert boxer, ings and wrecking his studio.
having been the champion of Yale. According to Mr. Rose, the

SOCIETY MAN INSANE?

Commissioners Appointed for Wealthy William S. Allen.

Supreme Court Justice Keogh, countenance it, for Dr. Scudder has White Plains, to-day appointed Michael achieved such success with the young J. Tierney and Dr. Manning, of New men of Jersey City through the medium Rochelle, and A. L. Clark, of Westof healthful sport that he has the imchester, as commissioners to decide upon plicit confidence of his congregation in the alleged incompetency of William S. Allen, a wealthy resident and former

vue Hospital after destroying his paint-

University for two years. He will personally don the mitts to-night in the church basement and give initial hints to all that can be taken care of.

"I shall insist," he says, "upon every one of the cadets learning to spar. I intend that they shall become scientific no rough-and-tumble business.

"A boy that can box and wreatle will never get into trouble, but if the provocation arises when he should avenge an insuit or protect himself, then he The greatest interest is manifested on the Heights, not only by Congregationalists, but also by ohter denominations. Some who do novt cherish Dr. Scudder's ideas believe that his system will result in causing the Jersey youths to emulate prize-fighting heroes.

According to Mr. Rose, the mad artist is a descendant of one of the royal families of the Russian dynasty, but because he had advocated the repease of his fellow-countrymen fro mithe strangling yoke imposed by the customs of his country he had been exiled, deprived of exalted title and fortune and then hounded from place to place and house to house, with the ever pursuing, vindictive hatred of the Russian Government.

This is Mr. Rose's story of the artist as he had gleaned from him plece by piece for the past fifteen years:

Recognized Palatiana's Merett.

Recognized Painting's Merit.

"When I first met Oscar Ferling fiften years ago, he came to me with ainting, the merit of which I recognized at once. He was a big, fine lookng man, dressed as only those in the habit of patronizing the best tailors of the land know how to dress. There was something in his furtive glance and nervous carriage that impressed me, however, and I determined, if possible, to learn his history.
"It was not until after he had been

coming to me for a year that I felt I knew him well enough to attempt to break down his natural reserve, and then I heard from his a story-the truth of which I later learned from investigation-that eclipse any modern fiction I have ever read.

"He told me that twenty years ago

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he was the pampered son of a noble ever, he had thought that as he had Russian, possessed of great wealth and been driven from his native land he of high standing in the Czar's royal circulation. But he was mis-Russian, possessed of great wearin and would be let along of high standing in the Czar's royal cirtaken.

Spies Ever at His Heels.

of high standing in the Czar's royal circle. He was also the lineal heir to a dukedom. As he had received a broad and liberal education, however, he could not conscientiously fit in with the ideas entertained by the nobility of yoking the common people—the bread-earners—as they did the cattle of the field, and when still a young man he joined a society somewhat akin to the Nihilists.

Two Fingers Shot Off.

"One day he and the other members of this society were descended upon by the pulbe. He escaped with the loss of two fingers, which were shot to humble foundations. But he was misstaken.

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